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For:     OPTICAL SCANNING )  
        APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM )  
        OPTICAL SCANNING )  
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        IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS )     December 29, 2003

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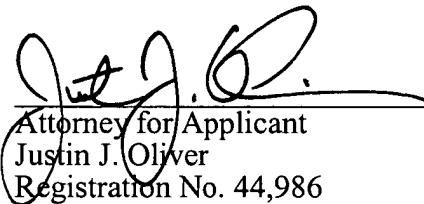
Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office counterpart application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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